

SCHOOL DISTRICT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

TIME LINE

Now through April 1, 2006

- Conduct 3 Public Hearings: Northern Arizona, Central Arizona, Southern Arizona

By April 30, 2007

- Review all current common school districts that are not part of a unified school district and consider combining these into a new or existing unified district to create districts that offer instruction to students in programs for preschool children with disabilities and kindergarten programs and grades one through twelve.
- Develop a plan for unorganized territories that requires the inclusion of areas where at least one per cent of the population attends a public school within the boundaries of a unified school district.
- Review existing statewide or regional educational service agencies and establish, where necessary, new statewide or regional educational service agencies to provide for the noninstructional support of school districts in the state.
- Develop a statewide uniform school district naming convention under which each school district would be assigned a legal designation by county and school district number.
- Hold public hearings throughout the state including rural school districts and hear testimony regarding the unification of every affected school district.
- Draft a preliminary report on the proposed school district unification plan.
- Submit the preliminary report to the governing boards of the affected school districts.

By July 30, 2007

- Governing boards of the affected school districts shall review the preliminary report and may submit comment to the commission. The comments may include specific recommendations to modify the proposed unification plan or recommendations of one or more alternative unification plans.

By December 31, 2007

- Consider the recommendations of the governing boards of the affected school districts and then design and submit to the governor a proposed school district unification plan.

November 2008

- Each county school superintendent in a county with a school district that is affected by the proposed school district unification plan submitted by the commission shall call an election of all qualified voters within the boundaries of the proposed unified school district to adopt the boundaries as proposed by the commission.